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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON POLITICS, DOMESTIC AND  
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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, SPEAKING ON THE SESQUICENTEN-  
NIAL OF THE INITIATION OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH LED TO URUGUAY'S  
INDEPENDENCE, REITERATED THAT THE NATION'S NEW CONSTITUTION  
(BEING DRAFTED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE) WILL PROVIDE FOR A  
STRONG STATE WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF AND THE ESSEN-  
TIAL RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT  
HIS VIEW OF THE PRESENT WORLD CRISIS AND THE DETERIORATION OF THE  
DEFENSIVE POSTURES OF OTHER STATES WITH VALUES SIMILAR TO URUGUAY'S  
CONFIRMED THE GOU'S DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH THE THREAT (OF  
COMMUNISM) AS IT SEES FIT. END SUMMARY

2. PRESIDENT BORDABERRY CHOSE THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE INITIATION OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH LED TO URUGUAY'S  
INDEPENDENCE TO ADDRESS THE NATION. SPEAKING FROM THE BEACH ON  
WHICH THE ORIGINAL 33 LIBERATORS HAD LANDED ON APRIL 19, 1825,  
THE PRESIDENT REFINED A BIT MORE THE ADMINISTRATION'S THINKING ON  
THE NATION'S POLITICAL FUTURE.

3. BORDABERRY BUILT HIS COMMENTS AROUND THE THREAT OF INTERNA-  
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TIONAL MARXISM TO URUGUAY'S TRADITIONAL VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY,

INDICATING THAT NEW INSTITUTIONS MUST BE CREATED "TO DEFEND THE LIBERTY AND PRINCIPLES OF URUGUAYANISM AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE AN EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT DEDICATED TO THE COMMON GOOD."

4. IN ORDER TO DO THIS A NEW CONSTITUTION WILL CREATE A STRONG STATE WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEND TH FATHERLAND, PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER AND "EFFICIENTLY DEFEND NATURAL, ESSENTIAL OR INHERENT HUMAN RIGHTS, LIFE, LIBERTY, PERSONAL HONOR, RESPECT FOR THE FAMILY, FREEDOM OF EDUCATION, OR WORK, BUSINESS AND THE RIGHT OF PROSPERITY. COLLECTIVE RIGHTS -- ASSEMBLY, ASSOCIATION, PRESS-- WILL BE DERIVED FROM ONE OF THE INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, THAT OF EXPRESSION BUT, THEN, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE USED ABUSIVELY AS INSTRUMENTS OF NATIONAL DISINTEGRATION, FRUSTRATING THE HOPES AND BREAKING THE FAITH OF THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE.."

5. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT THE NEW UNIONS, ECONOMIC GROUPS AND OTHERS WHICH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL SOLIDARITY WILL HAVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE AUTHORITIES BUT THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN AUTHORITY BECAUSE THE MISSION OF THE STATE IS TO PREVENT ONE GROUP FROM UNJUSTLY DOMINATING OTHERS.

6. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT FREQUENTLY HAS MENTIONED THE COMMUNIST THREAT, HE INCLUDED IN THIS SPEECH A PARAGRAPH WITH A NEW VARIATION WHICH MORE CLEARLY DEFINES HIS CONCERN WITH RECENT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AND THE POLITICAL EFFECTS OF DETENTE AS HE SEES THEM. HE SAID, "A LOOK AT THE WORLD TODAY, NOW THREATENED, IN WHICH INSTITUTIONAL AND JURIDICAL FORMS SIMILAR TO OURS ARE IN CRISIS, AND (WHICH CRISIS) IS A CLEAR CAUSE OF THE DETERIORATION OF THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES OF SUCH NATIONS, CONFIRMS OUR POSITION. THEREFORE, TO ACCEPT THE POLICY OF DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, WE DEMAND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES FROM THE FOREIGN ENEMY WITH (OUR OWN) POLITICAL SYSTEM AND DOCTRINE WHICH CAN IMPEDE PENETRATION OF GOVERNMENT AND THOROUGH IT THE VERY LIFE OF OUR NATION."

7. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT WENT ONLY SLIGHTLY BEYOND HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS (SEE MVD 1813 OF JULY 1, 1974) ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE AS HE SEES IT. WHILE HIS COMMENTS ON UNIONS AND OTHER ECONOMIC GROUPS WOULD SEEM TO PRECLUDE THEIR HAVING ANY ROLE IN GOVERNMENT, THEY HAD VIRTUALLY NO SUCH ROLE IN THE PAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EITHER, EXCEPT ON ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND LIKE. BORDABERRY'S REMARKS RE UNIONS, ETC., MAY HAVE BEEN AIMED AT TELLING SOME OF THE OLDER COUNCILLORS OF STATE THAT THE CORPORATE STATE CONCEPT WHICH THEY HAD SURFACED DURING EARLY CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING SESSIONS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS THAT HIS CURRENT THINKING IS SOMEWHAT REMOTE FROM ADVOCACY OF A RETURN TO ALL OF THE FORMER TRADITIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH ONCE GOVERNED THIS COUNTRY.

8. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND THE WORLD CRISIS REFLECT HIS CONCERN OVER RECENT HEMISPHERIC MOVES RE CUBA AS WELL AS EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. A FORMER SENATOR WHO HAD BEEN WITH BORDABERRY A FEW DAYS AGO TOLD A MISSION OFFICER THAT PORTUGAL AND SEA DEVELOPMENTS WERE MUCH ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND. THE SENATOR ADDED THAT THESE CONCERNS WILL NOT ALTER GOU FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, AS IS EVIDENT IN THE SPEECH, URUGUAY WILL NOT BROOK OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN DEFENDING ITSELF AND ITS INSTITUTIONS IN THE FACE OF A THREAT WHICH IT CONSIDERS REAL.

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